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For: **STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF FORMING BITLINE CONTACTS  
FOR A VERTICAL DRAM ARRAY USING A LINE BITLINE  
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d) copies of the references are not required.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,747,844	05/05/1998	Aoki et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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